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SUBJECT: UN ROLE IN OIL FIELDS TURNOVER

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FOR THE AMBASSADOR FROM THE SECRETARY

1. UNSYG IS CABLING NEW PROPOSAL TO CAIRO WHICH I BELIEVE MEETS FAHMY'S CONCERNS AND DESERVES OUR SUPPORT.

2. PROPOSAL IS THIS: THE OIL TECHNICIANS WOULD BE ACCOMPANIED TO RAS SUDAR BY A REPRESENTATIVE OF THE CHIEF COORDINATOR (SIILASVUO) TO WITNESS THE TRANSFER OF THE OIL FIELDS. THE REPRESENTATIVE COULD TAKE A FEW AIDES WITH HIM IN UNIFORM. THE CHIEF COORDINATOR IN SENDING HIS REPRESENTATIVE WOULD BE ACTING IN EXTENSION OF HIS ROLE AS

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CHAIRMAN OF THE GENEVA MILITARY WORKING GROUP. FYI ONLY:

SIILASVUO WOULD PROBABLY SELECT HIS REPRESENTATIVE FROM AMONG UNTSO PERSONNEL TO AVOID QUESTION OF EXCEEDING UNEF MANDATE, BUT YOU SHOULD LEAVE THIS SUBJECT TO UN. END FYI.

3. THE PROBLEM THE UNSYG JUDGES HE MUST AVOID IS THAT OF FORMALLY ESTABLISHING A NEW UNEF POSITION BEYOND THE AREA

OF ITS PRESENT MANDATE, WHICH YOU WILL RECALL WAS EXTENDED LAST TIME AT THE SECURITY COUNCIL'S REQUEST BECAUSE OF EGYPT'S INSISTENCE ON SUCH A REQUEST. GIVEN THE DEBATE IN NEW YORK OVER THE UN COMMAND IN KOREA, THE LONG HISTORY OF DEBATE OVER UN PEACEKEEPING, THE SPECIFIC SOVIET REFUSAL TO PAY FOR UNEF COST OVERRUNS, AND THE NEED TO PAVE THE WAY FOR EXPANSION OF THE UNEF MANDATE IN THE NEXT FEW WEEKS, WE BELIEVE THERE IS A REASONABLE ARGUMENT FOR NOT UNNECESSARILY GIVING CRITICS A LEGAL PRETEXT FOR OBSTRUCTING AS LONG AS A REASONABLE SOLUTION SEEMS AT HAND. FAHMY'S OWN REPORT OF SOVIET POSITION (CAIRO 6995) UNDERSCORES DESIRABILITY OF AVOIDING NEW ISSUES WHERE POSSIBLE.

4. PLEASE REVIEW ABOVE THINKING WITH FAHMY, TELL HIM WE UNDERSTAND SIILASVUO WILL PROPOSE ABOVE SOLUTION, AND URGE HIM TO AGREE. WE BELIEVE THIS MEETS BOTH HIS DESIRE FOR UN PRESENCE AND UNSYG'S NEED TO ACT CIRCUMSPECTLY.

5. THIS ALONG WITH APPROACHING OCTOBER 24 EXPIRATION OF UNEF POINTS UP DESIRABILITY OF GETTING FAHMY'S PRELIMINARY THOUGHTS ABOUT WHEN AND HOW TO APPROACH UN ON EXTENSION AND EXPANSION OF MANDATE. PLEASE ASK HIS VIEWS.

6. FYI: HOPE YOU CAN APPEAL FIRMLY TO FAHMY'S REASON TO GO ALONG WITH THIS SOLUTION IF YOU SEE ANY SIGNS OF FURTHER INCLINATION TO RESIST. END FYI. KISSINGER

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